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SUBJECT: GOR REPRESENTATION AT HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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1. PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETINGS, RWANDAN SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT FULGENCE SEMINEGA CALLED ON AMBASSADOR TO EXPRESS HIS PLEASURE AT RECENT USG INITIATIVES INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. SEMINEGA NOTED THAT IN PAST HR DISCUSSIONS GENERALLY PREEMPTED BY SOVIETS IN PROPAGANDA PLOY, WITH WESTERN DEMOCRACIES TAKING BACK SEAT. SAID HE HOPED COLLABORATE CLOSELY WITH USDEL DURING CONFERENCE.

2. UNTIL RECENTLY SEMINEGA RANKED SECOND ONLY TO PRESIDENT IN GOR PROTOCOL (HE NOW THIRD AFTER LEADER NEW NATIONAL MOVEMENT). HE HAS PRESIDED OVER SUPREME COURT SINCE 1963 AND IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN STUDY OF COMPARATIVE LAW. WHILE COURT DOES NOT EXERCISE DECISIVE INFLUENCE IN RWANDAN SOCIETY, SEMINEGA RESPECTED AMONG GOR LEADERS AS NOD TO "RULE OF LAW" IN SECOND REPUBLIC.

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3. USDEL WILL FIND SEMINEGA WILLING AFRICAN ADVOCATE HUMAN RIGHTS AND SHOULD CONTACT HIM WITH VIEW TO ENCOURAGING OTHER AFRICANS. CAUTION SHOULD BE EXERCISED AT SOCIAL OCCASIONS, HOWEVER, AS HE NOT RPT NOT NOTED FOR BEING ABSTEMIOUS.
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